

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 16, 18-20, and 26 as indicated below. The claim listing below replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Withdrawn) A method of producing a single, discrete non-gelatin film, comprising:

- a) forming a non-gelatin polymeric film, with or without active ingredients incorporated therein;
- b) applying a liquid to one or more surfaces of the film, said liquid incorporating at least one active ingredient; and
- c) allowing the liquid applied to at least partially cure and associate with the film, to result in:

the fluid being absorbed within the film, wholly or partially, and forming a homogeneous polymer film product.

2. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the non-gelatin film produced comprises one or more layers which associate with one another to a lesser or greater degree to form a partially or wholly polymerically homogeneous film.

3. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the polymeric mass of the film or films is increased marginally or substantially after steps b) or c).

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1 whereby one or more polymeric substances are also deposited on the film surface.

6. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient in the liquid is transported onto or into the film during step c) of claim 1.

7. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 2 wherein the active ingredient is selectively transported.

8. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the non-gelatin film comprises a cellulose ether film.

9. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the non-gelatin film comprises one or more of the following polymers:

hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (HPMC),

hydroxy propyl cellulose (HPC),

hydroxy ethyl methyl cellulose (HEMC),

hydroxy ethyl cellulose (HEC),

methyl cellulose (MC),

carboxy methylcellulose (CMC),

sodium carboxy methylcellulose

and salts and derivatives of all aforesaid.

10. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the liquid comprises a same or similar polymeric material as to which forms the non-gelatin film.

11. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the liquid comprises a material which is chemically or physically compatible with the material which forms the non-gelatin film.

12. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is transported from the liquid to the film.

13. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient has a higher affinity for the liquid than the film.

14. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the film active ingredient has a higher affinity for the film than the liquid.

15. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 10, wherein 2 or more active ingredients have the same or differing affinities for the film and liquid.

16. (Currently Amended) A film produced by the method of:

- a) forming a non-gelatin polymeric film, ~~with or without active ingredients~~
incorporated therein;

- b) applying a liquid transport medium to one or more surfaces of the film, said liquid transport medium incorporating at least one active ingredient; and
- c) allowing the liquid transport medium applied to at least partially cure and associate with the film, to result in:

the ~~fluid~~ at least one active ingredient being absorbed within the film, wholly or partially, and forming a homogeneous polymer film product.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A film according to claim 16, wherein one or more active ingredients are present in the film and ~~which~~ have concentration gradients associated with one or more bands or patterns within the film.

19. (Currently Amended) A film according to claim 16, wherein the at least one active ingredient continues to move or be transported within the film after the liquid transport medium is allowed to at least partially cure and associate with the film ~~curing stage~~.

20. (Currently Amended) A film according to claim 16, wherein one or more layers of the film associate with one another to a lesser or greater degree to form a level of polymeric homogeneity.

21. (Previously Presented) A film according to claim 16, which is coiled.

22. (Previously Presented) A film according to claim 16, which is folded in a zig-zag formation.

23. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical dosage form comprising multi-layers of film formed from films according to claim 16.

24. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical dosage form according to claim 23, wherein the films are laid together before any liquid or transport medium applied has cured or dried.

25. (Previously Presented) A film according to claim 16, wherein the film is packaged to form a dose unit.

26. (Currently Amended) A sheet of film according to claim 16, wherein the film has a liquid transport medium according to claim 16 applied to it, on one or both sides, and on opposing/adjacent areas or non-opposing or adjacent areas or overlapping areas to form a pattern.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical dosage form derived from a film according to claim 16.

29. (Withdrawn) Use of a film according to claim 16, wherein the film is placed on the tongue of a human or animal and the active ingredients are released in a convenient manner as the film disintegrates.

30. (Previously Presented) A tablet, powder slug or capsule made from or coated, enrobed or encapsulated with a film according to claim 16.

31. (Previously Presented) A tablet or monolith made from multiple layers of film according to claim 16.

32. (Previously Presented) A tablet or monolith according to claim 25, wherein said tablet or monolith comprises three to forty layers.

33. (Previously Presented) A tablet or monolith according to claim 25, wherein said tablet or monolith comprises 8 to 25 layers.

34. (Previously Presented) A tablet of monolith according to claim 25, wherein the tablet or monolith comprises 10 to 20 layers.

35. (Previously Presented) A multicellular dosage form made from a film according to claim 16.

36. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 10, wherein said liquid comprises a material which is chemically or physically compatible with the material which forms the non-gelatin film, and wherein 2 or more active ingredients have the same or differing affinities for the film and liquid.

37. (Previously Presented) A film according to claim 18, which is coiled.

38. (Previously Presented) A film according to claim 19, which is coiled.

39. (Previously Presented) A film according to claim 20, which is coiled.

40. (Previously Presented) A non-gelatin polymeric film wherein said film comprises two or more bands, at least one active ingredient being dispersed within a particular band, said film being a single film with structural homogeneity between said bands.